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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE EXERCISE "AVON EXPRESS"

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS CIRCULATED TO POLADS FOR CLEAR-
ANCE THROUGH SILENCE PROCEDURE BY SEPTEMBER 9 THE FOLLOW-
ING PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "AVON EXPRESS" TO
BE MADE NOVEMBER 1 (USDEL 612/77 160834Z AUG 77 REFERS).

2. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THIS TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

- THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE, GENERAL ALEX-
ANDER M. HAIG, JR., HAS SCHEDULED A JOINT FIELD TRAINING
AND AIR EXERCISE, NICKNAMED AVON EXPRESS, FOR THE ALLIED
COMMAND EUROPE MOBIL FORCE (AMF), TO BE HELD IN THE
ALDERSHOT AND SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA AND OVER
UNITED KINGDOM AIR SPACE FROM 17TH UNTIL 25TH NOVEMBER
1977.

- THE AIM OF AVON EXPRESS IS TO PRACTICE LAND AND AIR
COMPONENTS OF THE AMF IN DEPLOYMENT AND IN THEIR DETERRENT
AND COMBAT ROLES. BEFORE THE EXERCISE BEGINS, ADVANCE
WARNING AND ALERTING PROCEDURES WILL BE TESTED. UNITS
FROM BELGIUM, GERMANY, ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
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UNITED STATES WILL BE TAKING PART.

- THIS IS THE SECOND OCCASION, SINCE ITS FORMATION IN
1960, THAT THE AMF HAS CARRIED OUT A COMPLETE FIELD
TRAINING EXERCISE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE LAST BEING IN
OCTOBER 1975. ABOUT 7,000 SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN WILL BE
INVOLVED. GLITMAN

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